

there must be
more to **life...**



*Discover
Jesus.*

Activities for the Young and Young at Heart

1st July: We think about Jesus' touch for healing and restoration.

A craft activity could be...either draw around their hand, cut out and draw people (or write initials or names) who need a touch of Jesus in their lives. Sometimes there are hand shaped stick it note paper available from Big W or Cheap as Chips. These could be given in the offertory plate or at intercession time placed on the altar. Encourage them to take these home at the conclusion of the service and place in a special place as a reminder for prayer.

This song could also be taught...tune Au Clair de la Lune

Jesus' hands were kind hands,
Doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness,
Blasting children small.
Washing tired feet and saving those who fall.
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
Doing good to all.

Take my hands Lord Jesus,
Let them work for you,
Make them strong and gentle,
Kind in all I do.
Let me watch you Jesus 'till I'm gentle too,
'Till my hands are kind hands,
Quick to work for you.

8th July: We are called to intentionally listen, look and seek Jesus' presence in our lives.

Draw a picture of a garden or some other place that would help you be still and be attentive to thinking about Jesus.

Watch YouTube ...Open my Eyes Lord by Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes Lord,
Help me to see your face,
Open my eyes Lord,
Help me to see.

Open my ears Lord,
Help me to hear your voice,
Open my ears Lord,
Help me to hear.

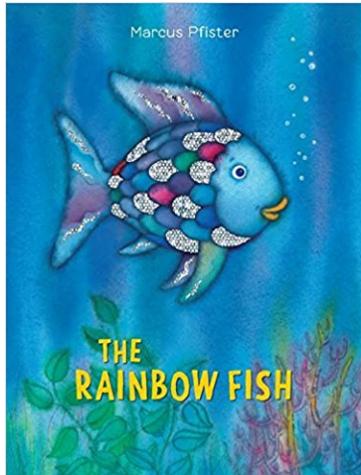
Open my heart Lord,
Help me to love like you,
Open my heart Lord,
Help me to love.

And the last shall be first
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways
And we'll see God's face in places we've never known
I live within you,
Deep in your heart my love,
I live within you,
Rest now in me.

You might like to ask for suggestions for some actions for this song.

15th July – ac.care Sunday: We are called to show our care by sharing

Read and share the book *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.



Talk with them about the attitude difference between giving a hand out and sharing to show care.

Craft activity: make some fish (paper plates or old CDs) glue on prepared colourful paper scales and googly eyes

Write slogans about sharing on them.

22nd July: Jesus is like a shepherd and calls us to care for one another in the same way.

Ask them what they know about shepherds in Jesus' time (there might be some young at heart who can add to this knowledge). Write on strips of paper (about 50cm wide) and place around the church. State that we now can ask "what would Jesus do?"

Create bracelets from colourful (thinner) strips of paper and write *WWJD* on each to help remind the wearer.

29th July: Jesus fed those in need.

Download and print some images of this miracle that show different interpretations of what happened. Either Google images or www.shutterstock.com

Ask them to put the pictures in order and retell the story.

Make some sardines on toast for a treat to share with the congregation